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done. If somebody can explain to the body that there were public hearings that were close enough to which these bills... to the matter which these bills deal with, fine. But they were put up there when I was absent from the body and as I stated this morning, I will object anytime a bill is placed on General File by the Reference Committee without a public hearing with the exception when a new bill comes in dealing with a subject which had already had a public hearing this session. So, Mr. President, I do make that motion.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? The motion is to return 523 and 548 to committee for public hearing. Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: I don't know what 548 is, I haven't had time to look at it. But, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Snyder, I think 523 is one that we have had for some time. I think it's a problem that we have not faced up to in the past. Six, eight years ago, when Homestead Exemption was enacted by this body and the Budget Committee had refused to recognize the full impact of that bill in allowing dollar one for over and above last year's requirement, so we are donating about two hundred and ten thousand two hundred and ninety-seven dollars, and I think that's a decision that this body can make without taking up the time of a public hearing on that one. I have no idea what 548 is, but I want to talk on 523, and this is a matter that this body can certainly decide without a public hearing because it is a request for reimbursement to the Revenue Department for monies that need to be expended to the local political subdivisions for the loss of Revenue in the Homestead Exemption Act.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Barnett, did you wish to be heard on this motion? Senator Barnett. I think we have a short in your mike. Try your switch at the top, again. Is that our problem? Well, we do have a short in that one. Why don't you slip over to Senator Keyes microphone, will you? No. Try one other thing, Senator Barnett, touch the black button there in front of you. Nothing happens up here. We've got a short on that one. Ok. Move over to Senator Keyes...

SENATOR BARNETT: Wait a minute. Now I've got it.

PRESIDENT: OK. You are on.

SENATOR BARNETT: Who didn't have the right button?

PRESIDENT: Well, OK.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK. I will tell you on 548, I think Senator Kremer can touch on this and I have to disagree with Senator Snyder. It is probably the first time in three years I have had to disagree with my good friend from Omaha, publicly, but this is with regards to LB 45 which is a Rule of the Road bill which has had a public hearing which was touched upon in this area and I think, probably, Senator Kremer can explain this to the group and, Senator Snyder, I, you know, I do agree with what you are trying to do and everything but I think in this instance with these two issues I'd have to disagree. Senator Kremer could, probably, fill us in a little better.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, this is the explanation that I gave when the bill was introduced by the Public Works Committee. This actually is a part of LB 45 and was heard in Committee, but the attorney that ironed out the amendments to the bill said this goes into a different chapter and has to be separated. But the entire content of this particular bill, 548, was heard in Committee and is a separation from